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SMALL COAL OPERATORS TO FIGHT PLAN OF PENNSY REFUSING THEM COAL CAR SUPPLY

Battle Will be Carried Before Public Service Commission At Hearing Set For Next Thursday

RAILROAD NOTICE IS FILED

Purpose Made Known in Application —Independents Form Organization And Appoint Committee to Have Charge of Fight—Reasons Given In Remonstrance

Independent coal operators of the Monongahela valley will fight hard the plan of the Pennsylvania Railroad company, made known in a late notice of application filed before the Pennsylvania Public Service commission, to make rates and to furnish cars only for producers with tipples. The outcome of the fight will be watched all over the state, since the action of the Service commission will have a wide effect. If the commission grantes the prayer of the railroad it will virtually be the means of putting some of the small producers out of business.

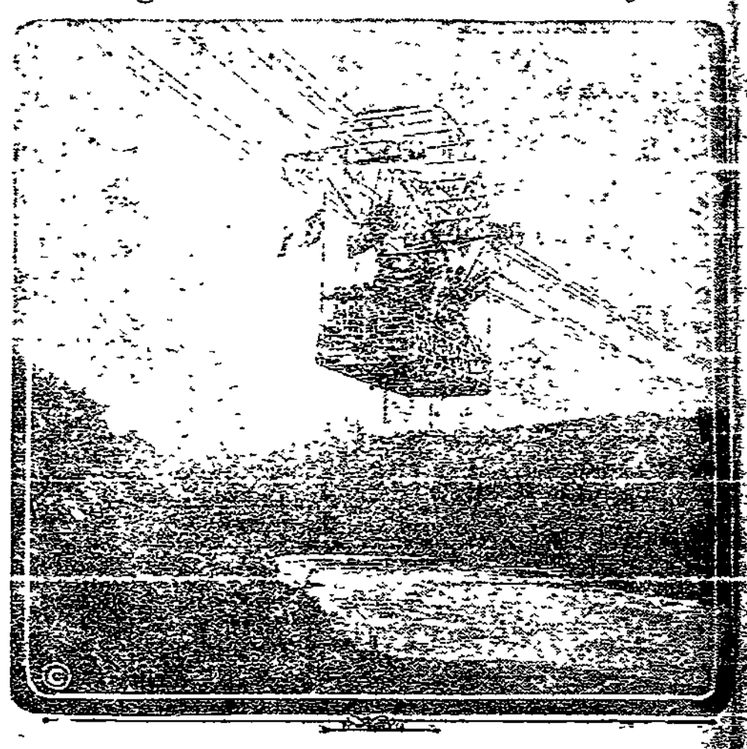
Monday afternoon at the law office of D. M. McCloskey an organization of about 15 independents representing a coal valuation in the Monongahela river section between California and Monongahela inclusive of more than $100,000 was formed to wage the battle. T. J. Crombie and T. P. Sloan of Charleroi and Matthew Lynn of Dunlevy were named a committee to appear together with their attorney at the hearing before the Public Service commission Thursday morning next at 9:30 o'clock, to lodge formal protest against the granting of the railroad's petition. T. J. Crombie was named treasurer of the organization.

Independents have been reaping a nice profit of late by virtue of the great demand for coal and prevailing high prices They have been loading cars from wagons, selling at more than $5 a ton in some instances while big operators have been filling contracts at prices as low as $1.10. They have felt the car shortage the same as the larger operators, yet have managed to procure a few cars from time to time and to load them for quick transit. Most of their coal has been sold in the Pittsburg district and has answered a need. The loading capacity of the mines so operating is approximately 25 cars a day.

None of the independents interested in the present fight have their mines equipped with tipples to load at the railroad. Some of their operations are so far back in the country that they could not build tipples to connect with the Pennsylvania line. The move of the railroad, the independents complain, strikes at the vitals of their business. They frankly say in their petition and remonstrance that for such request as asked by the railroad would put them out of business if granted.

Some of the shipments of the remonstrants are being made outside of Pennsylvania, it is set forth in the remonstrance and relative to these it is submitted that the Public Service commission has no authority or connection therewith. The remonstrants maintain that they have no unusual and unnecessary delay in loading coal and maintain that the shortage of cars cannot possibly be attributed to them.

Niagara's New Aerial Railway



Here the seeker after thrills will end his search. Suspended in mid-air only 150 feet above the Whirlpool Rapids—that swishing maelstrom which strikes terror to the soul of the mere onlooker from shore—the occupants of the aerial car experience a sensation more stirring than any thoe encountered heretofore on land or sea. The aero car is run on cable lines 1,800 feet in length, is driven by a 75-horse-power electric motor, and accommodates 36 pasengers. The combined roar of the Falls and the Whirlpool is so deafening that talking among the occupants of the car is almost impossible. Along the shore of the rapids to the right is shown part of the famous Gorge trolley route.

Small New Model Screw Propeller Towboats To Replace Heavier Crafts

If plans materialize in introducing a new type of towboat, from three to five millions of dollars will be saved to the taxpayers of Allegheny county for raising bridges on the Allegheny river near Pittsburg. The Dravo Construction company of Pittsburg are having a boat built of the screw propeller type at Neville Island, which promises to take the place of the heavier and larger boats now in use and will be able to navigate all the year around and in all stages of water, without fear of obstruction by bridges. Also it is advanced that this new type of boat will be economical in the use of fuel.

The Carnegie Steel company, one of the largest freight shippers is having a new steel hull propeller built at Charleston, W. Va., which will be powerful in motive power and economical in every respect. It is expected that it will do the work of an ordinary tow boat of the larger and higher type These new boats will be placed in commission at an early date.

FINES MAN $1 AND COSTS FOR RAILROAD TRESPASSING

Justice of the Peace Paul R. Nutt heard the case of G. Santoni, charged by railroad officers with trespassing on the tracks between Fifth and Sixth streets, and fined the man $1 and costs.

Money to loan. See Blythe, Might building. 178-t5p

RECEIVES NEWS OF THE DEATH OF HER FATHER

Mrs James Myers of Fallowfield avenue has received news of the death of her father, John Mitts, aged 73 years at his home in Hazelwood. He was a retired Baltimore and Ohio railroad engineer.

Large cotton blankets tan only not shoddy per pair $1.25 Kirk & Clark's. 178-t2

BAKER GETS VALUABLE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

G. Plummer Baker, state assemblyman from this county will be chairman of the ways and means committee of the house according to a tentative slate made up by state Republican leaders in conference last week at Atlantic City. Mr. Baker is the only one of the Washington county members to receive such an honor, but the others will undoubtedly be given positions on important committees. Announcement of the committee memberships will be made later by Speaker Baldwin. The ways and means committee will have a large part in shaping legislation this session and Mr. Baker's appointment as its chairman is a recognition of his legislative skill.

Cotton filled comforts liberal size and pretty silkaline coverings at $2.00 Kirk & Clark's. 178-t2

KILLS BROTHER AS SHE SEIZES GUN FOR FATHER

Brownsville Girl Accidentally Discharges Weapon Intended for Protection

TWO MEN NOW UNDER ARREST

Frightened by a foreigner, who is said to have demanded $5,000 "to keep away Blackhanders," Mary Deninas, 14 years old, daughter of George Deninas, a wealthy Italian fruit merchant at Brownsville, ran from her father's store into an adjoining room Monday night, and, after securing a revolver with which she intended to protect herself, accidentally discharged the weapon, instantly killing her 16-months-old brother, John, and wounding her father.

Mike Lapolinski, 35 years old, and Joseph Hradiskey, 42 years old, were placed in the local lockup in connection with the tragedy. The police alleged that Lapolinski, who boards with Hradiskey, went to Deninas' store Monday afternoon and demanded $5,000, saying that he would keep away "Blackhanders" Deninas refused to give the money and the foreigner left, returning at 9:30 o'clock. When the Italian merchant's daughter heard the foreigner ask her father for the money she ran into another room and her father followed her. The infant was sleeping in the room. The girl secured a revolver and was about to return to the store when the pistol was discharged The bullet pierced the child's head, inflicted a flesh wound in the father's abdomen and lodged in the wall.

According to the police, Lapolinski ran from the store and returned later, pretending that he knew nothing about the shooting. His arrest followed. The police say that Lapolinski was recently released after nine months' imprisonment on a charge of illegal liquor selling. When Lapolinski was convicted, Mrs. Deninas, the Italian's wife, appeared as the chief witness against him.

WEDDING TAKES PLACE AT HOME OF BRIDE'S PARENTS

Michener—Williams Marriage Solemnized Monday Evening, Rev. C. A. Hartung Performing the Ceremony

The marriage of Miss Elizabeth Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Williams of Seventh street to Joseph R. Michener of Charleroi, formerly of California, took place Monday evening at 6 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents. Rev. C. A. Hartung, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church performed the ring ceremony. The occasion was a family affair, just the members of the immediate families comprising the guest list. Attending the couple were Miss Marion Elliott of Belle Vernon and William Williams of Charleroi, a brother of the bride. The bride was attired in a gown of white crepe de chene and carried a boquet of white roses.

A sumptuous wedding dinner followed the ceremony in honor of the couple. After a wedding trip they will take up their residence in Charleroi. The groom is employed in Donora.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY CENTERS ATTACK ON OUTSIDE BREWERIES

AUTOMATIC STOKING PLANT TO BE TRIED IN RIVER STEAMBOAT

New Steamboat Launched at Elizabeth to be Equipped With Latest Mechanical Appliances on Market

A new steamboat launched at the marine ways at Elizabeth for the American Steel & Wire company to take the place of the Braddock will be one of the finest equipped boats of her class. She will be fitted out with the machinery of the present Braddock, with some additional improvements and a condensing plant. But the real innovation will be the installation of automatic stokers for firing the boilers. The stoker system works successfully on land and in stationary plants and the owners are sanguine of its success on the river. The new boat is receiving her new boilers at Pittsburg. The old Braddock which has done duty for years will be dismantled and put out of commission and the new boat will take her place by early spring. Shortage of material and the scarcity of labor has been a great drawback to steamboat building all the last year.

RAILWAYS WILL FIGHT POLE CASE

Right of Charleroi Borough to Collect 50 Cents Per Pole Questioned

TO BE TAKEN UP JANUARY 29

The Pittsburg Railways company Monday, upon petition, secured a citation on the Borough of Charleroi to appear in court on Monday, January 29, 1917, to answer the railways company in its petition filed, in which the right of the borrough to collect certain pole tax is questioned. The validity of the ordinance of that borough and supplements thereto is attacked. The borough seeks to recover 50 cents a pole for 198 poles, in that borough, for the years from October 1, 1910, to October 1, 1915.

The railways company avers the charge is excessive, and considering the nature of the poles against which the tax is assessed, should not be over ten cents a pole. The railways company sets forth that the poles are not used except for trolley purposes, have no cross arms, and are not in danger of falling, being inspected regularly by the railways company. The company also avers the borough has not inspected the poles, as is required of it under the law.

Personal Appraisements.

In the estate of Jennie L. Mitchell, late of Charleroi the personal estate is appraised at Washington, at $419. In the estate of Sarah Mitchell, late of Charleroi, her personal estate is appraised at $2,249.

Baum Would Have Them Ousted as Nuisances From Washington County

DATE IS SET FOR HEARING

Old Question of Employment of Agents Comes up—Alleged Liquor Is Sold in Some Places From Wagons—Corporations Interested.

Involving prominent brewing companies of Western Pennsylvania and Ohio, wholesale liquor dealers, beer agents, express companies, etc., District Attorney Isaac W. Baum, of this county, Monday filed eight bills in equity in which he seeks to have the parties who are named as defendants, declared as nuisances and perpetually enjoined from plying their business in this county. This is simply another move on the part of the prosecuting attorney to prevent these outside liquor dealers from carrying on their alleged illegal traffic in liquor in this county, where they hold no license or do business.

January 25, at 10 o'clock has been named by the court as the time for a hearing. In each bill the district attorney prays that the manner in which these defendants have been selling malt and brewed liquors in Washington county be declared a nuisance; also that each and all be specially enjoined and perpetually thereafter from taking orders for and delivering vinous, spirituous and brewed liquors in the manner complained of in the statements filed; also that the court make such other and further orders in the premises as it shall adjudge to be justified by the facts developed at the hearing.

The principal defendants are: Independent Brewing company and Pittsburg Brewing company of Pittsburg; Monongahela Valley Brewing company of Clairton; Victor Brewing company of Jeannette; Steuben Brewing company of Steubenville, O., and Joseph Calvero, Arthur Bellomo and Fred Anthony, wholesale liquor dealers of Steubenville.

Figuring in the proceedings are the Ohio Express and Pittsburg Transfer company and the Tri-County Express company. District Attorney Baum declares that in his opinion the Ohio Express and Pittsburg Transfer company is a corporation in name only; that it never has been incorporated, and that it was organized by the liquor dealers to carry goods from breweries and wholesale dealers to their agents in this county.

The Tri-County Express company has its principal place of business in Pittsburg, and is legally incorporated, but its business, he says, is almost solely confined to the distribution of liquor. Numerous agents scattered throughout Washington county, mostly aliens, who act as agents in mining communities, also are mentioned in the suits, being coupled with the corporations they are supposed to represent. The Independent Brewing Company of Pittsburg operates two breweries in Washington county, the Globe, in Monongahela and the Independent Brewing Company plant in Charleroi.

The principal violation alleged by the district attorney is that the de-

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J. K. Tener, Pres. S. A. Walton, Vice Pres. R H. Rush, Cashier.

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THE EYE AND ITS DANGERS

Little things may cost us our eyesight, Dr. Samuel Dixon states in his weekly health and hygiene chat. His argument is well presented and is of a sort that should make us a little more careful with our habits. He says:

If mankind were suddenly to lose its eyesight the race would die out. No one can review the ordinary acts of his daily life without a realization of the indispensable part the eye plays in all our acts from the most ordinary to the most important.

The eye is one of the most highly complimented, and at the same time one of the most exact, pieces of animal mechanism that exists. It is much exposed to injury through wounds or by germs of disease.

Man is not as dependent upon his hands as the monkeys in the wilds of their native forests, where they travel about by swinging from limb to limb by their hands. If, however, we take account of our daily movements we will realize that our hands are kept busy during our working hours.

To open a door we catch the knob with the hand. To climb into a trolley car we grasp the rail with the hand. These acts and a hundred others like them, thousands of people are performing every moment.

Some of these people are suffering with chronic diseases of the eyes and may for instance, be on their way to the hospital, not having been instructed as to the character of the malady. The sufferer who may be on your car has been wiping his eyes with his hands and has helped himself into the car with the germs of disease on his hands just previous to your catching hold of the same rail. The only step further to infect yourself with the same disease is to rub your eye with the hand that has been on the rail.

Notwithstanding this every-day danger we constantly see people rubbing their eyes with unclean hands or gloves. If only a small proportion of the readers of this journal will take the warning contained herein, many cases of diseased eyes may be avoided.

Needless to say, car rails are not the only means of communicating infection in this way. There are hundreds of others.

ICY STREETS

Fifth street has lost some of its prestige as the most used street to the hill district and Third street has gained that honor as a result of the completion of improvements within the last year or two. Fifth's grade of 15 per cent, as compared with Third street's eleven per cent grade is too much.

In bad weather the difference is particularly noticeable, and no wary driver will take his chances on Fifth, coming down, when he can conveniently get to Third. Yet Third is not a perfect street by any means and bad weather leaves it in just the same condition as Fifth. This was evidenced Sunday when a funeral procession attempted to turn from Crest into Third. What happened was a near catastrophe. Horses could not stand on the ice and there was a hasty exit of mourners from sliding cabs. The trip down the hill was completed with mourners walking, but every step to the horses holding the heavy vehicles was dangerous.

Keeping steep streets in shape for all sorts of travel during weather like that of Saturday night and Sunday is not easy. There is only one way. This is by spreading cinders. It has been tried on Fifth street and the idea has proven a good one. Why should it not be tried on Third?

WHAT OTHERS THINK

NEW SCHOOL IDEAS.

Shortly a new type of school building must appear in every industrial center especially adapted to the various occupations and equipped therefor. The expense is much less than for high schools. They should be placed near high schools or other common schools so that children in the regular schools who are about to enter employment can easily prepare themselves by going for part of the time to the industrial school. This training will largely supersede that meaningless, ineffective stuff which we have called manual training.

Into a school located close by elementary and high schools where manual training is taught the working children of the city can come for one or two half days each week to be taught the occupation they elect, and manual training pupils can get the manual instruction they ought to have, which is very different from what most of them now get. Instruction can be specialized to any extent that the situation warrants and for any number of pupils, particularly when the central vocational schools' equipment is supplemented by class instruction in shops.

Into this school many concrete or hand-minded children can come at fourteen or later for regular all-year instruction, eight hours daily five and one-half days a week, fifty weeks a year, and thereby secure 2200 hours of instruction per year as against 950 hours in the ordinary high school. This will give them more schooling in two years than does a high school in four. And it gives them a trade besides, so that at sixteen they go into the occupations masters of themselves and well along in the pathway to success and good incomes. Precisely this is being done now in various cities. The pupil hour cost is approximately midway between the elementary school cost and the high school cost.

The schools are complementary to the present academic schools. They can carry instruction to the highest point circumstances warrant and for all ages, the older workers coming mostly for evening instruction. By them and not otherwise will our great democracy become educated, efficient, broadly intelligent and happily cooperative.—Beaver Daily Times.

GASOLINE PRICES

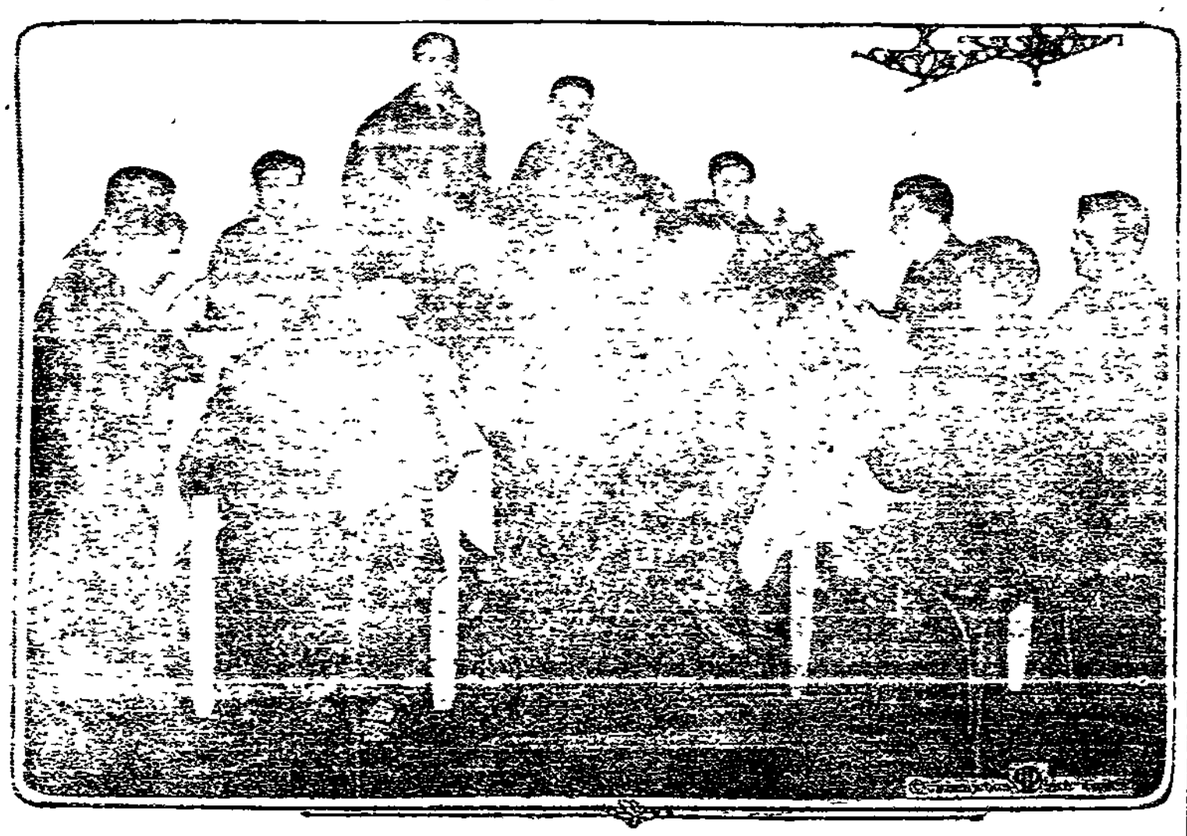
Prices for various grades of gasoline have been increased from two to five cents per gallon. It is explained that this increase is due to the higher cost of crude oil which has been marked up to $3.05 per barrel. The mounting cost of crude is asserted to be because of a shortage in production.

Since the latter statement was put out it has been discovered that oil production in the United States during last year was 11 per cent greater than the year before. Higher prices have stimulated drilling operations and the increased supply. But many have been holding their oil for even higher figures than have already prevailed. It is said that more than a million barrels are being held back by West Virginia operators alone.

Production of oil has had little or nothing to do with the price paid for it. The figures which will be paid the producers can either accept or have been announced arbitrarily and keep their oil. Not many of them can hold on long, however.

Nor has the cost of production had much to do with the amount demanded for gasoline. The increase in oil in recent weeks is less than a cent a gallon. That is the only cost added to the production of gasoline. Yet the cost of the latter has been increased from two to five cents a gallon. Forty gallons of gasoline is about the average production from fifty gallons—a barrel—of crude.—Uniontown Herald.

Policemen Enjoying Their 8 1-3 Cent Meal



To refute conclusively the absurd idea that the cost of living is high twelve of New York's "rookie" policemen have been placed on a diet costing twenty-five cents per day for each policeman. The meals are composed of cereals, breadstuffs and vegetables. Eggs and meats are eliminated from the diet for obvious reasons. Each policeman is pledged not to touch any food at any time except that which is served at the diet table. The two men standing at the rear are Police Commissioner Arthur Woods and Dr. Eugene L. Fiske.

GINGLES' JINGLES

FRIENDLESS.

The only guy not classified upon this bloomin' earth, with not a welcome on the mat, with never a rap of worth, who's always wrong and never right, with not a loyal friend, who never has a man step up a helping hand to lend, who fights his way through thick and thin, who battles mighty odds, who when you cannot hear him speak, comes through with knowing nods. Who does his fighting all alone, this single handed guy, while towering stacks of insults at his coco folks let fly; but they cannot discourage, cannot bluff or bother he, his shell is hardened to their slurs, from their insults he's free, for having learned he cannot please the bunch, do as he may, and since he knows that he alone controls exclusive say, he's learned to show no mercy and expects none in return, although at times at fever heat the rage at him does burn. They slam him and abuse him try for him to make it hot, the limit is the limit—though for such he careth

Edmund H. Gingles

ELECTRIC SPARKS

If you want to be perfectly satisfied, do the work yourself.

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Man wants but little here below, but if he doesn't get that little he will raise an almighty fuss.

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Some people have to bear it and then grin.

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It is supposed the Congressional pork barrel is hardly large enough for a paper mill.

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What is the use of a college education if it doesn't include a baseball course.

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One begins to pine for spring when the first circus is announced.

PICKED UP IN PASSING

"Your collection of culinary recipes is very fine," admitted the book publisher, "but I don't think it would be economically advisable to put the volume on the market at the present time."

"But why not?" queried the peeved compiler.

"Because," explained the practical publisher, "all your recipes call for butter, milk, sugar, flour or potatoes."—Puck.

A huge eating competition had been held by some brawney sons of toil in a country town in Yorkshire, and one of the competitors had succeeded in disposing of a leg of mutton, a plentiful supply of vegetables and a plum pudding, the whole washed down with copious draughts of ale.

He was unanimously declared the winner and was being triumphantly escorted home when he turned to his admirers and said:

"Ah, say lads, don't thee say nowt o' this to my ole woman, or she won't gie me no dinner!"—Tit Bits.

"Confidentally," said the undertaker's wife, "Mr. Smith hasn't paid the bill for his wife's funeral yet."

"Isn't that scandalous!" exclaimed Mrs. Gabble. "I should think he'd be a shamed to see how little he thought of his wife."

"Yes, and his brother John, when his wife was buried, paid the very next day."

"Huh! Looked as if he was glad to get rid of her didn't it?"

NORTH CHARLEROI

Mrs. William Cox of Upper Middleton and Miss Rose Mahon of New Salem visited Mrs. George Kline.

Cottage prayer meetings were held at the home of Mrs. C. W. Hall this afternoon Tuesday led by Mrs. P. E. Kramer.

Miss Hazel Watson spent Sunday in Brownsville.

Mrs. Emma Estle of Waynesburg is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Charles Ingle.

Mrs. Mary Brass is on the sick list.

Lee Gosset of Millsboro visited his aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Allfree.

George Vaneer of Monessen was a visitor here.

Little Jessie Ingle is on the sick list.

J. B. Jones of Donora was a caller here.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Eyman moved to Swissvale Monday, where Mr. Eyman has accepted a position.

Mrs. O. R. Chew is slowly recuperating.

A pleasant time was enjoyed at the home of Mrs. Thomas Jenkins Friday evening when a number of her friends surprised her to celebrate her birthday. At 10:30 a lunch was served.

Miss Jane Barret was a caller in Monessen Monday.

Mrs. Daniel Little of Roscoe visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Chew Monday.

Miss Mabel Parks visited friends in Monessen over Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Duffield returned to her home at McDonad after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Metz.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chew have returned to their home in Belle Vernon after spending a week with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Chew.

Charles Miller of Millsboro was a caller in town.

Anderson Caseber was a business caller in Monongahela Monday evening.

Mrs. Harry Burkhart returned home today after visiting friends in Buena Vista.

Miss Gladys Allfree and brother, Samuel visited relatives in Monongahela Sunday.

Mrs. A. P. Culp spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. John McConnell of Elizabeth.

Mrs. Thomas McVey and Mrs. Thomas Jenkins were recent callers in Pittsburg.

Mrs. Augustus Francis and daughter, Miss Mary were Pittsburg callers.

TRY A CLASSIFIED WANT AD.

SIMPLIFIED SPELLING.

The One Thing Needed to Make English the World Language.

Having been for years a teacher of English to foreigners and to high school pupils as well as a student of modern languages, the subject of an international language interests me greatly.

Certainly of the four important modern tongues English is the easiest and simplest in grammar, having no awful genders such as German and no dreadful verbs such as French and Italian. It has no baffling depths and subtleties as the last two referred for any possible profit, and as the first it, in spite of its simplicity, it is a very hard language for foreigners to master. This is due, I feel, solely to its antiquated method (or lack of method) of spelling. The difficulties arising from the difference between the spelling of English words and their pronunciation are almost insurmountable, fatal to its universal diffusion. How many natively English speaking people do we know, educated, nay, intellectual, who simply cannot spell, who have given up trying?

All over the continent one hears reiterated with boring monotony: "I like to read the English, but not to speak it. It is too difficult to pronounce. I can never tell how a new word should be said." In French and German certain letter combinations invariably represent certain sounds, while Italian is absolutely phonetic. In Italian schools there is no such thing as a spelling lesson. Think what a saving of time, temper and grey (or is it gray) matter this is to the growing child!

It is all very well to insist upon the classic origin of our orthography, but compare it for one moment with the near and aristocratic parent of the Italian. Yet Italian does not hesitate to discard all artificiality.

I feel sure that only one thing will make English, which stands today as the easiest and most concise of languages—only one thing will make it the universal language, and that is simplified spelling.—J. H. Harris in New York Times.

BRAVERY OF A TOREADOR.

Remarkable Display of Nerve by a Spanish Bull Fighter.

The famous Spanish toreador Reverte figured in one of the most thrilling incidents ever witnessed in the bull fighting arena.

It was at Bayonne. After disposing of two bulls Reverte had twice plunged his sword into a third of great strength and ferocity, and as the beast continued careering wildly the spectators began to hiss Reverte for bungling.

Wounded to the very quick of his pride, the Spaniard shouted, "The bull is slain!" and, throwing aside his sword, sank on one knee with folded arms in the middle of the ring.

He was right, but he had not allowed for the margin of accident. The wounded beast charged full upon him, but the matador, splendid to the last, knelt motionless as a statue, while the spectators held their breath in horrified suspense.

Reaching his victim, the bull literally bounded at him, and as he sprang he sank in death, with his last effort giving one fearful lunge of the head that drove a horn into the thigh of the kneeling man and laid bare the bone from the knee to the joint.

Still Reverte never flinched, but remained kneeling, exultant in victory, but calmly contemptuous of applause, till he was carried away to heal him of his grievous wound.

Indian "Moons."

Time is calculated among the Red Indians by moons instead of months. January is called the "hard moon," February "the raccoon moon," March "sore eye moon," April "the moon in which geese lay eggs," May "the planting moon," June "the moon when the strawberries are red," July "the moon when choke cherries are ripe," August "the harvest moon," September "the moon when rice is laid up to dry," October "the rice drying moon," November "the deer killing moon" and December "the deer moon."—Philadelphia Inquirer

Denmark's Sovereigns.

Denmark has had a most curious array of sovereigns, the Blue Tooth, Forked Beard, Simple, Hungry, Harefoot, Lamb, Pious and Cruel being among them.

This latter, who was Christian II., belied his real name by gaining the additional title of the Nero of the North. There was probably little happiness in Denmark when he sat upon the throne.—London Mail.

A Money Saver.

"You are foolish to buy your furniture on the installment plan. You have to pay nearly twice as much as you otherwise would."

"Yes, but look at all the money I save on moving expenses."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Character Analysis.

"Bliggins goes around asking so much advice that he never accomplishes anything."

"Yes," replied the man whose mind lingers in the past, "not enough initiative and too much referendum."—Washington Star.

A Toast.

To our mothers: May their eyes never be opened and their hearts never closed to our weaknesses!—Life.

The Marksman's Eye.

Blue eyes prevail among marksmen of renown. The blue is said to be the strongest eye and gray next.

LIGHT WAVES.

Some Too Tiny to Be Seen, Yet Science Can Measure Them.

The very smallest thing on earth which has been actually measured is a light wave.

Light waves, of course, are of different lengths. In the spectrum the red waves are longest, orange next, yellow next, and so on to the violet, which are shortest of the visible waves. So if we were to give the measurement of the very smallest thing we would have to take one of the light waves in the violet end of the spectrum or, better still, one of the waves of the ultraviolet portion which is invisible.

The shortest of these that has been determined is 120 millionths of a millimeter. Changing this to fractions of an inch, we can comprehend the smallness of the wave better. If these waves were placed one on top of the other there would be more than 200 000 of them in a line one inch long. The negative corpuscle which is a constituent part of the atom is known to be smaller than this, but its exact size has not been determined.

That these light waves can be measured is due to the fact that as light waves are refracted it is only a matter of determining the angle of refraction and by triangulation finding the length.—Kansas City Star.

THE ENGLISH PHEASANT.

Originally From Asia, It Is Still Found In China and Tibet.

Generally speaking, the English pheasant is misnamed, since it came from Asia and is still to be found in India, Tibet and China. The birds were brought to Europe more than 500 years ago, turned loose on hunting preserves and thrived amazingly. They supply the finest bird shooting in Scotland and England, and so much care is taken in raising them that they may almost be regarded as a half domesticated bird.

Under the present system the eggs are hatched by hens or in incubators. The chicks are carefully fed on insects and prepared foods, and when they are able to shift for themselves they are turned into the woods. While the common pheasant will roost in trees, it is a ground bird. The female will remain under cover until it is almost stepped upon.

Because of this trait the pheasants are aroused by men who beat in the thickets until the pheasants take flight over shooting boxes where the hunters are concealed.—Philadelphia North American.

Dodging Mother Meng.

Infant prodigies are not unknown in China, and Chinese Buddhists find it easy to account for them. According to the doctrine of the transmigration of souls, persons passing through Hades on their way to the wheel of life (which relaunches souls into the bodies of babies or animals just being born) have to cross a bridge. Before mounting the bridge they are stopped by an old hag called Meng, who, ladle in hand, compels each soul to drink a mouthful of the waters of forgetfulness, for which the popular name is Mother Meng's soup. Those who drink of this forget all that they had passed through or had known in their former life and thus on being reborn into the world are entirely ignorant. Some, however, manage to dodge Mother Meng and enter the world full of knowledge, which they display as soon as they can articulate.

First Stamps of Nippon.

It was in March, 1871, that postage stamps were for the first time issued in Japan, following the system of western countries. The stamps were of four denominations of mon. These stamps, however, disappeared shortly after their issue, to be replaced in 1872 by another series in the denomination of sen. These denominations are still in use today, but at the present time there is a far wider variety, the values being from one-quarter of a cent to $5. The first stamps were extremely crude in appearance, were without gum and were printed by the ancient method of wood engraving. Today electric machines turn out the stamps, as we know them in this country, in enormous quantities.—Japan Society Bulletin.

Animals Under Water.

The ability of a beaver to remain under water for a long time is not really so tough a problem as it looks. When the lake or pond is frozen over a beaver will come to the under surface of the ice and expel his breath so that it will form a wide, flat bubble. The air, coming in contact with the ice and water, is purified, and the beaver breathes it again. This operation he can repeat several times. The otter and muskrat do the same thing.

Reckless.

"Better let that woman send thirty words for a quarter if she likes."

"Why so?"

"It will save the company money. She has already torn up about $1 worth of blanks trying to boil her message down."—Pittsburgh Post.

Must Keep Them.

"Does he keep his promises?"

"I guess so. I never heard of anybody wanting to take them."—Detroit Free Press.

What He Made.

"How's business, old man? Been making anything lately?"

"Yes; an assignment."—Boston Transcript.

Sweet is the destiny of all trades, whether of the brows or of the mind. God never allowed any man to do nothing.—Bishop Hall.

Blanket Time

Be prepared for this cold weather. Get heavy comforts and woolen blankets and put them on your beds then open wide the windows, keep warm but breathe the fresh cold air. It is the best preventative of colds and the dreadful diseases that result from breathing the unclean air of closed bed rooms.

COMFORTS

In the line of comforts we can supply your wants with good clean dependable merchandise and at the prices we are selling them at today they are double valuable to you . . . . **$1.25 to $5.00**

BLANKETS

We always sell a large amount of Cotton Blankets they do not cost so much and are very good— warm, serviceable blankets, range at . **$1 to 3.50**

WOOL BLANKETS

When it comes to wool blankets we certainly do believe in quality. If a blanket lasts 15 or 20 years it deserves to be a good one to begin with and we know many of our blankets that have had twenty years of continuous wear. The foreign wars have nearly cleaned up the wools of the world, better be wise and get your blankets right now. We still have a large stock of the good old reliable kind we have always sold. But when we buy again they will be much higher if we are indeed able to purchase them at any price. prices . **3.95 to 8.00**

Clearance Prices onall Ladies' Suits and Coats
All Children's Coats and Furs at Clearance Prices

J. W. BERRYMAN & SON

"Charleroi's Live Store"

Headaches

come mostly from disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels. Regulate these organs and keep free from headaches by using

BEECHAM'S PILLS

Largest Sale of Any Medicine in the World. Sold everywhere. In boxes, 10c., 25c.

BELL-ANS

Absolutely Removes Indigestion. One package proves it. 25c at all druggists.

FOR SALE

301 Shady Ave $2100
4 roomed house Oakland Ave..$1000
701 Fallowfield, 7 rooms and bath
321 Washington 9 room house and bath, bargain
10 room house Lookout $2800
117 Lincoln, 7 rooms, bath $6500

I P. HEPLER,
411 Fallowfield Ave.,
Charleroi, P.

PERSONALS

Mrs. I. R. Blythe of Washington avenue has gone to Follansbee, W.Va., to visit with her daughter Mrs. E. R. Hartman.

Miss Bernice Gayman of Zollarsvillevisited over Sunday with Miss Lona Frankenberry.

Mrs. Daisy Province and daughter Miss Mary of Washington avenue spent Tuesday in Pittsburg.

W. H. Milliken was a caller in Brownsville Tuesday.

Mrs. A. S. Sickman was a caller in Pittsburg Tuesday.

Jacob Mitchell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Mitchell of Crest avenue, who is a senior in the school of medicine at the University of Pittsburg has received an appointment for the remainder of the school year as an interne at the St. Francis hospital.

To Attend Revival Meeting.

The men of the Baraca class of the Baptist church and their friends will attend the revival meeting in the Baptist church, Monongahela, Friday evening, leaving here on the 6:42 car.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY CENTERS

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fendants conduct their business through a system of agents in a manner which Washington county has maintained is contrary to the intent of the law. He asserts that often the agent peddles his product from a wagon; that in other instances the beer or whiskey is shipped by carload lots and not addressed to any person, this being done after the agent has solicited his district. The Washington county court holds that the only system by which a company can employ agents and keep within the law is for the agent to act simply as a deliveryman; that he must not handle money or solicit trade, and that the product must be paid for at the office of the brewing company or wholesale agent before it is shipped.

At all the places named, the bill sets forth, there are corporations and industries employing large numbers of men, mostly of foreign birth, who are engaged in hazardous occupations. Also that many of these communities are of a rural character and have limited police protection.

The outcome of these actions will be watched with much interest. District Attorney Baum's patience has been tried in endeavoring to induce these outside dealers to quit these evasions of the law in this county. Breweries within the county are required to obey the law, under the license court gives them, and they connot compete with outside plants that persist in violating the law in the manner of getting large quantities of their product into the county. The court of this county cannot revoke the licenses of these outside dealers. The court cannot reach them if coal companies and corporations complain against them.

Since the Acme Brewing Co., case of this county, was decided by the court brewing companies in this county know they must take cognizance of protests from corporations as to distributing their products among the employes of these corporations.

DELAY AT PRODUCTS PLANT BY SEPARATOR BLOWING UP

Some delay was caused at the plant of the Pittsburg Steel Products company at Monessen this morning by a steam separator blowing up. No one was injured and the only trouble caused by the break was a delay of one day until repairs could be completed.

Fleecy lined kimonas and dressing jackets $1.25 values going for 87c at Kirk & Clark's. 1 78-t2

MEMBERS OF BAPTIST CHURCH WORKING HARD LOOKING TO DEDICATION

To the Citizens of Charleroi:

The members of the Baptist church hope to enter their new edifice early in the spring. We wish to thank those who have already contributed liberally toward this enterprise. We also desire to remind other friends who intend to assist us that we will appreciate their help at this time, so we can meet our obligations to the contractor promptly, without borrowing money and paying interest.

We are not a new sect in this community. Some of our worthy pioneer families were Baptists, whose descendents are found among our citizens. Many of the familiar names of residents among us today appear prominently in Baptist history. We are proud of our ancestory who stood firmly for the principles of Civil and Religious Liberty, The Separation of Church and State, and Local Independent self-government.

We believe in co-operating with all other religious bodies in every good work for God and humanity. We are not a strong body, numerically. We have had a poor, inadequate equipment. Our building under construction is small, but convenient, substantial, and adequate for present needs, with plans for enlargement in the future. As a civic improvement it is worthy the support of the people.

Any voluntary offering from any one who may desire to help in the building of this house of worship, will be very graciously accepted. Send all contributions to the pastor, W. G. Carl. or to the treasurer. Dr. C. C. Wright, Charleroi, Pa.

179-t1p

Don't fool with a cold. Cure it.

HILL'S CASCARA QUININE BROMIDE

The old family remedy—in tablet form—safe, sure, easy to take. No opiates—no unpleasant after effects. Cures colds in 24 hours—Grip in 3 days. Money back if it fails. Get the genuine box with Red Top and Mr. Hill's picture on it—25 cents.
At Any Drug Store

"WILD BILL" SHOOTS MONESSEN POLICEMAN

A negro known as "Wild Bill" Roberts Monday afternoon at Monessen shot but did not wound Policeman Stuhl of the Monessen police force when the latter tried to place him under arrest. The bullet struck Stuhl in the pit of the stomach, but glanced aside without breaking the skin. The shooting occurred from a moving car to which the negro had jumped, just at about the time that the policeman had seized the man's hand in an effort to jerk the gun from his pocket. The negro fired through his coat pocket. Constable Steve Mentzer and the policeman clubbed the man into submission and locked him up. This morning he was taken before Justice of the Peace J. A. Watkins, charged with felonious shooting and carrying concealed weapons and bound over to court.

GREAT LAKES CONCERN GETS VALLEY WORKMEN

Fame of the craftsmanship of the Monongahela boatbuilders and carpenters has been spread abroad, and their services have been sought by others.

Recently Charles Short of the Great Lakes engineering works of Detroit, Mich., paid a visit to the Monongahela valley in qest of mechanics, boat builders and caulkers. He took back six men, whose work has proven satisfactory. Now the company is seeking others to learn the trade. The pay for boys and young men learning the trade is 22 1-2 cents and for men like those who went from this valley $4 and upwards per day. The company has ten boats to build and have contracts signed which will keep theeir yards busy for five years. Others are expected to avail themselves of the opportunities offered in the great Lake regions and move their families to Detroit. The boatbuilding trade on the Monongahela has been on the downward trend for some time, except at some of the dockyards owned by coal companies.

Bowling

Charleroi defeated Belle Vernon three games in the Monongahela Valley duck pin league on Swickey's alleys.

BELLE VERNON—			
Jordon	100	120	124
F. Riley	108	103	93
Pretty	111	112	131
Prellile	96	—	102
M. Ferguson	153	120	128
C. Ferguson	—	102	—
	568	557	578
CHARLEROI—			
Kuhn	150	136	117
R. Hess	110	—	—
E. Davis	144	134	109
Wass	115	120	129
E. Davis	144	134	109
D. Woodward	149	120	—
S. Piersol	—	155	115
H. Adams	—	—	127
	668	665	597

The next match will be rolled Monday January 22, Fayette City vs Charleroi.

BARNUM AND BAILEY FIRST CIRCUS TO BOOK DATE; TO APPEAR SATURDAY, MAY 26

The first circus has been billed for showing the coming season on the Charleroi grounds, the Barnum and Bailey attractions having set the date of Saturday, May 26 for their appearance here with their "largest show in the world." Their booking agent recently closed for the grounds and secured the necessary license for the show.

The Barnum and Bailey shows appear in Charleroi every two years, alternating with other large attractions.

VALLEY MINISTERS MEET HERE; NEXT GATHERING AT MONESSEN MARCH 20

The Monongahela Valley Ministerial association held their regular meeting today at Christ Lutheran church here. Rev. C. P. Bastian, pastor of the church conducted the devotions. The address was made by Rev. Dr. W. F. McKee of Monongahela on "The Church." Business was taken up under the direction of Dr. Keller of Monessen, president of the association, and a general discussion followed. About 15 ministers were present. The next meeting will be held in the Presbyterian church at Monessen on March 20.

HEAVIER ENGINES TO BE USED ON DIVISION

P. R. R. Hopes to Reduce Delays on Monongahela Through the Use of Larger Locomotives—Pasenger Traffic is Heavy.

The increase in pasenger traffic on the Monongahela division of the Pennsylvania railroad, as well as the heavy trains now in service, has resulted in the use of a certain number of the larger type of passenger engines on this division. During the past couple of weeks some of the faster runs have been equipped with the big Atlantic engine, with a view of making better time, and keeping closer to the schedule, and because of the many delays that have resulted from congested freight traffic. These larger engines are capable of high speed, and while not suited for local service because of the slowness with which they pick up speed, are better fitted for the runs which have but few stops because of their superior speed when once under full headway. During the entire winter the pasenger traffic on the local division has been extremely heavy, with a likelihood of its continuation indefinitely.

P. R. R. CLERKS TO BE GIVEN GOOD INCREASE

Following the most prosperous year in its history, the Pennsylvania Railroad Monday, increased the wages of a large number of its clerical force from 4 to 11 per cent. The increase was in the nature of an adjustment, the selection of those to be raised being made by the various department heads. The increase, it is understood, will apply to the whole system as far west as Pittsburg and Erie.

The increase was made effective as of January 1, but the move was not generally known until Monday when the semi-monthly pay envelopes were distributed.

So far as could be learned the clerical forces were about the only ones to share in the readjustment. Officers, day laborers, including track help and skilled laborers were excluded. No move was made in behalf of the trainmen, whose demands for an eight-hour day and higher wages is now before the Supreme Court for decision.

While the raise was not uniform, men who received $200 a month were given an average of 4 per cent increase, those drawing less, anywhere from 6 to 11 per cent. Many employes in New York, Trenton, Harrisburg, Altoona and Pittsburg will find the increase in their pay envelopes for the first half of January which they will receive this week.

CLUB HOUSE FOR LOCAL AND OPPOSING CLUBS WLL BE BUILT AT BASBALL GROUNDS

Among the new features that will be arranged at the Charleroi baseball park during the spring preparatory to the opening of the baseball season will be the construction of a club house, properly equipped with showers with hot and cold water, lockers and the like. It will be built to the right of the grandstand and will be arranged to accommodate both the home and visiting teams. The work will be done by the Pittsburg Steel Products company, which has the grounds rented for the season.

The Making of a Famous Medicine

Few people realize that over 350,000 pounds of various herbs are used annually in making Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and these herbs all have to be gathered at the season of the year when their medicinal properties are at their best.

The watchword in preparing these herbs is cleanliness. the process of percolation is perfect. All utensils and tanks are sterilized and the medicine is pasteurized, clarified and filtered before it is bottled for the consumer.

It is this wonderful combination of herbs, together with the skill and care used in the preparation, which has made this famous medicine so successful in the treatment of female ills.

Men's fleeced shirts or drawers in ribbed or plain all sizes 49c each at Kirk & Clark's. 178-t2

RIVER RISING, STILL NO DANGER IS FEARED

Cold Snap Checks Swelling Waters—New Towboat to Take Place in Sand and Gravel Trade Along the Allegheny River

From melting snow and the rain fall of Saturday the rivers are swelling, though checked by the cold snap of Sunday. This morning some thin ice is floating in the pools, but with the river rising slowly at all points, no fears of heavy ice are felt by coal and river men.

The new towboat Elizabeth Smith, built at Point Pleasant for the J. K. Davidson Sand company left that point Saturday and is expected in the local harbor today ready to take her place in the towing of sand and gravel from the Allegheny river for her owners who are among the largest shippers of that great commodity which ranks next industry to the coal trade at the present time. The new boat is in command of Capt. Howard Cavett, an old and experienced riverman. She is fitted out with every modern and up-to-date convenience, costing $35,000 and will take the place of the Lee H. Brooks, recently sold to parties in Memphis, Tenn., by the Davidson company.

The U. S. Steamer T. P. Roberts, which has been at the U. S. boatyard at North Charleroi while on her return trip to Steubenville and at a point near Neville Island caught and landed a fleet of ten empty barges which broke away from—the large coal packet Raymond Horner, owned by the Pittsburg Coal company, while passing through the lock at Davis Island. The accident was caused by floating ice. Capt. Park Brenneman and his men acted promptly. The Raymond Horner, assisted by the F. M. Wallace, landed a large fleet of empty barges in the harbor which will in turn be taken to the different mines in the pools to be loaded. Many of the empty craft are arriving from lower ports which have not been in commission for some time. They will have to be docked and repaired.

YOUNG PINCHO WINS IN EIGHT ROUNDS FROM CIRCUS

Young Pincho of Charleroi got the best of K. O. Curcus of Pittsburg in a rattling good eight-round preliminary at Johnstown Monday night.

11-4 Wool blankets in grey, pink, blue or tan plaids special value $2.50 per pair at Kirk & Clark's. 178-t2

CLASSIFED

WANTED—Two neat appearing young men. 18 to 22 years to travel. Call between 6 and 8 p. m. Mr. Rodgers, Hotel Wellington. 179-t2p

WANTED—At once, experienced saleslady for dry goods and notions. Good salary and permanent position to right person. C. E. Goodrich, California, Pa. 175-t5

WANTED—A woman 30 to 40 years old to act as permanent housekeeper in a family of three grown persons. Call Bell phone 1967. Belle Vernon, Pa. 179-t3p

WANTED—Either hotel or general housework. Address 852 Mail office. 174-t6p

FOR RENT—Small store room. Cheap rent. Good location. Apply 426 Fallowfield avenue. 167-tf.

For Rent.
5 rooms and bath $20.00
7 rooms and store room $30.00
Union Realty Company
600 Fallowfield Avenue.
Both Phones. 178-t3

FOR RENT—Rooms for light housekeeping. If desired apply 526 Washington avenue. 175-tf

FOR SALE—18 room house, lot 50x140. Water and gas. 5 room house, bath hot and cold water, gas and electric light. 4 room house, water, gas and electric light. These houses are all in good locations and at reasonable prices. Inquire E. J. Charles, R. E. Department, Charleroi Savings and Trust Co. 177-tf

FOR SALE—Five room house, on corner lot, cement cellar, new furnace, slate roof, 301 Shady avenue. 179-t1p

FOR SALE—Roll top desk. In first-class shape. Inquire 856 Mail office. 179-t4p

THE SPEED OF SHIPS.

Influence of the Depth of Water and the "Wave of Translation."

On first thought the sea's depth seems of little importance if the ship finds depth enough to give her an easy draft. If she can run free apparently it makes [illegible] whether she has six feet or sixty feet between her keel and the bottom. Such an inference is, however, erroneous, for the depth has a very definite bearing on the speed that is to be had.

The difference between Brine and Blue Beam [illegible] failed to find twenty-one knots that a ship could make in Indian water. They managed under forced draft to get the depth was between 145 and 165 feet and their speed was twenty-two knots one of the causes of the increased circulation.

The difference in speed is attributed to the influence of the "wave of translation" displaced by the ship as she moves forward, which acts as a brake. The nearer the ship's keel to the bottom the stronger the friction. A ship drawing twenty-seven feet of water—say a ship of 12,000 tonnage—feels that friction over a depth of 250 feet. According to some calculations the dragging influence ceases to be felt at a depth equal to ten and one-half times the draft if the ship stands high out of the water.

A curious feature of the matter is that the speed of the ship is as important an element as the depth of the water—that is to say, the influence of the depth on the ship's speed is more or less powerful in proportion as the speed is great. A ship increases her speed more readily over deep water; but, on the other hand, the faster a ship runs the more depth of water she requires to prevent the hindrance caused by the dragging influence of the friction which is always felt when the ship's keel "senses" bottom.

Running ten knots an hour, a ship must have between twenty-six and twenty-seven feet of depth or she is dragged from below. If running twenty knots she needs a depth of 104 to 105 feet and when running thirty knots she feels the drag over a depth of nearly 324 feet.—Exchange.

ODD WAYS OF USING GOLD.

They Didn't Impress the Man Who Had None to Squander.

"I reckon I would be liable to be as many different kinds of fool as almost anybody else if I should suddenly get possession of a large amount of money," said the man in straitened circumstances. "I have noticed that people who are so fortunate as to do that often show remarkable versatility in their choice of ridiculous performances. The very ability to realize desires that have long been held in abeyance by lack of means seems sometimes to develop absurdities in a man's nature which no one else would suspect if he had remained poor.

"Sometimes a man will do things that are not really absurd, but only seem whimsical. I knew one man who, when he received an unexpected legacy, bought himself twenty-five pairs of shoes with the first money he spent. He said the one greatest inconvenience of poverty to him had always been the wearing of old shoes.

"Another man I once knew certainly did provoke mirth among his acquaintances when he had all the stovepipes in his house gilded before he spent any of his new money for anything else. I don't know that he was any more foolish than one of the multimillionaires I read about who had the handrail of the grand stairway of his country house covered with a casing of solid gold. One seems about as grotesque as the other to me.

"And there is another thing I wouldn't do. It came to my mind recently when my wife showed me a piano in a store window. It was entirely covered with gold or what looked like gold. I agreed with her that it was pretty, but I said that I would not care to have it in our house.

"Gold is certainly a good thing to have, and I'd like to have a lot of it, but I don't think I'd like to have it too much in evidence all the time."—New York Sun.

Old Mexican Legend.

The early Tarascans, a Mexican tribe, once possessed the art, now lost, of tempering copper. One of their legends is not far removed from the Bible story of Noah. According to them, Trezpi—their Noah—escaped an all destroying flood in a great boat laden with animals. Even the story of the dove is closely followed, for Trezpi sent forth first a vulture and then a humming bird, and so ascertained that dry land existed.

Helping Out.

"And has your daughter's course in domestic science interested her any in the housework?"

"To some extent. Occasionally she condescends to show her mother where in old fashioned methods are all wrong."—Kansas City Journal.

Dubious Outlook.

"I understand you have a new neighbor. Do you expect to be friendly with him?"

"I hope for the best, but he has five little boys, and my library windows are in an exposed position."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Two of a Kind.

"Everything I have in this world I owe to my wife."

"I'm almost like you too. Everything I owe in this world my wife bought."—Detroit Free Press.

Olive Tree.

The olive tree lives better under water than any other plant which is not aquatic.

FOILING THE FLAMES.

Methods of Fire Prevention Should Be Studied In Every Home.

In bygone days the function of the chief of a fire department was merely to put out fires. Nowadays his duty [illegible]

[illegible] Nor is it so. This is the case.

[illegible] chemical engine [illegible] of the [illegible] is [illegible] chemicals [illegible] and [illegible] to their [illegible] value. The Roman [illegible] [illegible] It had [illegible] and [illegible], [illegible] and [illegible] had to [illegible] the Colonial Marines and [illegible] [illegible] under the [illegible] of having [illegible] confiscated.

The most [illegible] [illegible] 2 cents is found [illegible] the Bible. The [illegible] [illegible] Moses in the wilderness, and, as shown by the first chapter of Numbers, the enumeration must have been very simple. "Take ye," said this account, "the sum of all the congregations of the children of Israel, after their families, by the house of their fathers, with the number of their names, every male by their polls; from twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel; thou and Aaron shall number them by their armies." This census was an affair that must have been soon over lasting no longer than a day, being merely a counting of the heads of the fighting men. The women and children and cripples and the old men were not included; "neither were the Levites numbered among them." Those who did stand up to be numbered totaled 603,550.

The public [illegible] must [illegible] further. It should be carried into the [illegible] and should [illegible] with the child.

A [illegible] [illegible] or talk given at least once a month in the public schools by a fireman in uniform would strike at the very root of the fire problem. An official in uniform always impresses a child, and his remarks and directions would carry the weight of authority. These lectures if illustrated by charts and diagrams would be more effective and would graphically present to the child mind not only the dangers of fire, but the methods of prevention and quick extinguishment.

In some cities juvenile police departments have been established with varied success, but a juvenile fire department, whether organized or merely existing in the educational equipment of children to prevent and extinguish fires, would be one of the most advanced steps taken toward the conservation of human life and property.—Insurance Press.

HER GIFT OF MIMICRY.

Cissie Loftus Could Imitate Irving and Bernhardt Equally Well.

Walter Prichard Eaton in the American Magazine says in an article about famous mimics:

"In the days when Cissie Loftus was delighting vaudeville audiences with her imitations she used to give an imitation of Lillian Russell. Miss Russell countered by giving an imitation of Miss Loftus' imitation of her. But to an artist like Miss Loftus that presented no difficulties. She merely came back with an imitation of Miss Russell's imitation of her imitation of Miss Russell! The fair Lillian thereupon retired from an unequal contest.

"Cissie Loftus could imitate anybody. The present writer once heard her in the course of a casual conversation imitate most thrillingly Sir Henry Irving in a blank verse death scene. Then an imaginary curtain descended, and you heard Sir Henry, in a totally different voice (no less unmistakably his), inquiring in very Saxon prose where the deuce were the red lights?

"Standing on the stage of a theater, without change of costume, with the flicker of a smile on her rather wistful face, she would range from Sarah Bernhardt to Ethel Barrymore, so that you almost gasped at the uncanny cleverness of it, and if you shut your eyes you could hardly believe that the actual persons were not present.

"Hers of course was an extraordinary gift of mimicry, and it brought her in $1,000 a week, much more probably than she could command as an actress."

Zulu Songsters.

The arrival of a European in a Zulu village, the opening of a railway, a war, a famine, a plague of locusts, a pestilence may become topics for semi-public songs that are soon circulated among the people. Songs are used at the public functions of chiefs, such as the feast of the first fruits and at royal marriages. War and tribal songs are possessed by every chief and tribe. At marriages and other public ceremonies it is the Zulu custom to render not only the songs of the living chief, but those made famous by his father and grandfather.

Waiting For Him to Start Something.

"I'm just waiting for my husband to complain about my extravagance this month."

"Ready to give him an argument, eh?"

"You bet I am. By mistake his golf club checks came to the house, and I've got 'em."—Detroit Free Press.

Morbidly Suspicious.

"If you want to fight I'll hold your coat," said the bystander to the quarrelsome man.

"Great Scott! Can't a man even stand in the street without having a check boy try to work a tip out of him?"—Washington Star.

A Prize.

"Yes," said the girl who makes collections, "it is one of the best autographs I have in my collection."

"But are you sure it is genuine?"

"Positive. I cut it from a telegram that his wife received from him."—London Telegraph.

He Mailed the Letter.

First Woman—I got a letter from you yesterday and it was dated a whole week ahead. Second Woman—So you really got it, then? My husband must have posted it the very day I gave it to him.—Boston Transcript.

How easy it is for one to suggest a sure way for some one else to manage a troublesome affair!

COUNTING HEADS.

The First Census Was Taken by Moses in the Wilderness.

There is no record of a census in China as far back as the year 2042 B. C. and of one in Judea in the 1st century before Christ. After the destruction of Solomon the census of Israel were divided [illegible] classes, [illegible] their taxable property of income. The Roman [illegible] [illegible] It had [illegible] and [illegible], [illegible] and [illegible] had to [illegible] the Colonial Marines and [illegible] [illegible] under the [illegible] of having [illegible] confiscated.

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FIFTH AVENUE THE JOYOUS.

Sparkle and Vivacity of New York's Famous Thoroughfare.

Perhaps the chief impression which the metropolis makes is of the vivacity of its life. It is the completest expression of our national joie de vivre. And it is pleasant to record that for the most characteristic moment of this quality you would not cite Broadway at night, but Fifth avenue by day. The sparkle of this famous street is perhaps largely due to the New York climate.

Climates are never perfect, but among the world's great cities the American metropolis is singularly fortunate. It is flooded with sunlight and on its best days the air has a crisp and tonic quality. By a tacit understanding ill dressed and sad people keep off Fifth avenue. On a bright morning there is no resisting the street's gay intoxication. The most expensive shops in the world are close at hand, the best restaurants near by. Brave men lounge at the windows of exclusive clubs, and fair women cut coupons at fashionable banks. Life seems indeed worth living. The whole town is gay. Even children and nursemaids in the park seem more engagingly clear, and innocent and spirited than elsewhere, as if they, too, felt the call of happiness.

It is worth while noting the clearness of much of New York's air, doing justice to the clean and simple liveliness of much of its enjoyment, because its prominence as one of the world's chief centers of dissipation and pleasure seeking has done its reputation bad service with many people of virtue and good taste.—Harper's Magazine.

Africa's Gold Coast.

The Gold Coast is a British colony on the west coast of Africa. Its climate is notoriously unhealthy, the heat and moisture being excessive. The coast is lined with unhealthy swamps and shallow lakes, while the peculiar rock of the country is said to give off, under the influence of the air and moisture, large quantities of hydrogen gas. The native towns are crowded and dirty, intermittent fevers and other diseases being always present. These are peculiarly fatal to Europeans, though the natives do not suffer so much. The whole region is more or less a gold producing country, but at present the value of the territory is chiefly due to the profusion of vegetable products supplied by the rich soil.

Shrub Perfume.

The perfume of commerce known as "cassie," manufactured for the most part in France, is found in abundance in the Philippine islands in the Acacia farnesiana, a shrub which grows on hundreds of acres of land near Manila and throughout the dry parts of the entire islands. This shrub has small spiny leaves and produces a short black pod. The flower from which the essence is obtained is golden yellow.

No Help Needed.

Johnny (a small brother)—Mother, quick. Send for the doctor! Mother (anxiously)—Why—why—what's the matter? Who is ill? Johnny—Mr. Algernon is going to die—he said he would if sister would not marry him, and sister says she won't.—London Telegraph.

Quick Change.

"Here, you! What do you mean by telling that red nosed old bachelor friend of yours that marriage is all a lottery?"

"I was just about to assure him, m'dear, that I'd won a prize."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Flowers In Tibet.

The highest point at which flowering plants have been found is in Tibet at 19,200 feet above the level of the sea.

Penalties For Meat Eating.

A most remarkable regulation affecting the food supply was one which attained its full vigor during Shakespeare's youth and which, in view of his early familiarity with the slaughter house—there are seventeen references to the butcher's trade in the historical plays—must have been brought particularly to his notice. This was the law, first enacted in 1549 and extended in 1563, enforcing abstinence from flesh for political and economic reasons, not only in Lent and on Ember Days, Vigils and Fridays, but also on Saturdays and even on Wednesdays. The object aimed at in this legislation was the strengthening of the British navy through the encouragement of the fisheries, the North sea fisher folk being regarded as a good mine which the Dutch were exploiting. In 1563 four women who had a meal of meat in a London tavern during Lent were set in the stocks all night, and the woman who supplied them was set in the pillory.

Wild Cotton.

A common plant which grows in a score of shapes and sizes is the milkweed. It is called milkweed from the milky juice contained in the stems. Some bear white blossoms, others purple, while the stems and leaves have a variety of sizes and shapes. After the blossoms disappear the plants bear seed pods, which are the "haugars" for the air scouts.

Each seed has a set of wings of airy lint. As the pods ripen and break open the wind lifts the light seeds and scatters them broadcast.

Nature came very near making a substitute for cotton when she produced milkweed. In fact, the plant is known sometimes as "wild cotton." But the lint in the seed pods has not the twist of cotton fiber and therefore cannot be used for spinning. Nevertheless it provides a satisfactory down for stuffing pillows, a use to which frequently it is applied.—Boston Journal.

An Artist's Joke.

Holman Hunt, who began life as a clerk to an auctioneer and estate agent, was constantly drawing portraits when he should have been drawing up leases, and in his chosen profession he was never slow to seize the flying moment. The windows in his room were made of ground glass, and as he had little to do he spent much of his time in drawing flies upon its roughened surface. A blot of ink sufficed for the body and some delicate pencil strokes for the wings, and at a distance the deception was perfect. Day by day the number increased, and one morning his employer came in, stopped before the window and exclaimed: "I can't make out how it is. Every day that I come into this room there seem to be more and more flies." And, taking out his handkerchief, he attempted to brush them away.

New Zealand's Glaciers.

The great size of the glaciers around Mount Cook, in New Zealand, has been often remarked. The Tasman is eighteen miles long, the Murchison ten miles, the Godley eight miles, the Mueller eight miles and the Hooker seven miles. Most of these glaciers have moraines of exceeding roughness, but the approaches to them are not steep, as is usually the case with European glaciers. The southern Alpine snow line is only a little over 7,000 feet. Glacially polished rocks are rare, and in many ways the mountains are singularly different from those of central Europe.

His Practice.

"The footpad fired at you four times from a distance of twenty feet and yet missed you?"

"Oh, no!" replied the hero of the adventure. "I missed him. I have dodged so many automobiles and motorcycles that I had no difficulty in dodging the bullets."—Kansas City Star.

Missing Then.

Father—Don't know the French for cat, and you had a French nurse for years! Hopeful—But, dad, we hadn't got a cat when Adele was with us.—London Punch.

There Were Others.

Redd—You say he ran into debt when he got his car? Greene—Yes; that was the first thing he ran into.—Yonkers Statesman.

PRACTICAL HEALTH HINT.

Diet For Diabetes.

A Kansas City doctor advises a diet of raw starch for diabetic patients. He places them on raw starch and water only for from one to four days, until they have burned all the sugar out of their systems.

The starch is given in the form of cornstarch, a rounding teaspoonful stirred into a glass of water three or four times a day. Or he lets them eat raw potatoes with a little salt. A daily sponge bath and rubdown is the only other treatment.

As soon as no more sugar can be detected he allows the patient to eat lettuce or celery with a little salt and a soft boiled egg. After awhile meat and other vegetables are added to the diet. All sugar and cooked starch are barred until the patient has been sugar free for several months, when a little toast or bread is allowed. If the sugar returns the patient is put back on the raw starch and water for a day or two.

The Cubs New Leader

In spite of the fact that he is [illegible] to step into the shoes so ably filled by such famous baseball generals as Adrian C. Anson and Frank Chance, those who know Fred Mitchell well predict that he will not suffer by comparison. If he can land the Cubs well up in the first division again it will be welcome news for the fans throughout the country, and particularly in New York where no sporting event save a World Series ever drew such crowds as go to see a battle between the Cubs and Giants when both have a "look-in" for the pennant. Mitchell has been acting as assistant to Manager Stallings of the Boston Braves and he is given credit for much of the Brave's success in recent years.

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